PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet | 1

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known Application Number To Be Assi Filing Date Herewith First Named Inventor Konstantinos Poulakis Art Unit To Be Assigned To Be Assigned **Examiner Name** Attomey Docket Number 48435

				T DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (f known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
all		^{US-} 5,040,275	08-20-1991	Eckhardt et al.	
/SW)		^{US-} 6,076,238	06-20-2000	Arsenault et al.	
J.		US-			
	· · · · ·	US-		<u> </u>	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-		:	
		US-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
		US-	-		. 75
		US-			
		US-			
		US-	-		
		US-			
		US-			<u> </u>
		US-			

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Foreign Patent Document Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY Country Code ³ 'Number ⁴ 'Kind Code ⁶ (if known)	Publication	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	Т
			Applicant or ones cocument	Or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁰	
2/15		EP 0 604 869 A	07-06-1994	Yoshida Kogyo K. K.		
ONVS		EP 0 682 888 A	11-22-1995	YKK Corporation		Г
and the		EP 1 129 639 A	09-05-2001	YKK Corporation		
0						
	L					
						f

Examiner Signature	/Jenna-Leigh Befumo/	Date Considered 02/27/2007	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 'Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND

TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.